

In the Specification:

Please replace the following amended paragraphs:

Page 2, please amend paragraph 3, lines 10 to 18 as follows:

It is one object of the invention to provide a wheelchair lift apparatus which is arranged to be carried on the automobile and to be readily deployed from its position on the automobile without the necessity for significant modifications to the automobile. [[.]]

Page 7, please amend paragraph 4, lines 16 to 19 as follows:

It will be appreciated that the mounting arrangement as shown is suitable for a particular design of vehicle which is a Dodge mini-van. Other vehicles will have different mounting arrangements requiring different shaped brackets 22 and 23. The design of these brackets will be well apparent to one skilled in the art. The brackets need merely be attached to the top of the housing to hold the housing in position underneath the vehicle. It will be noted that in the embodiment shown the housing is located at the bottom of the frame 30 of the vehicle which provides room for the gas tank 34 8 and the muffler 32 9 which are located under the frame of the vehicle and on top of the top plate of the housing 10.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 7 and 8, page 7, paragraph 5, lines 19 to 23 and page 8, paragraph 1, lines 1 to 14 as follows:

The platform support 11 comprises a pair of arms 31 and 32 which are parallel are mounted for sliding movement along the rails 13 and 14. A portion 33, shown best in figure 4, of each of the arms projects into the hollow interior of the housing 10 along the respective rail parallel to the rail and just inside the rail. Each of the arms carries a pair of rollers 34 and 35 which run along the inside surface of the respective rail which defines a channel or similar arrangement for receiving the roller 34, 35 thus allowing the platform support to slide from a retracted position substantially wholly within the frame to an extended position projecting outwardly from the side of the vehicle. The arms 31 and 32 ~~and 33~~ are

connected by a plurality of cross rails 36 which hold the arms stiff and parallel in a common plane with the housing 10. A transverse end support 37 extends across between the arm 31 and 32. The end member 37 includes a plate portion 38 and a pair of end brackets 39 which connect the plate 38 to the end of the arms in a manner which allows the plate to pivot from a horizontal position as shown in Figure 3 to a vertical position closing the end face 19 of the housing when the platform support is inserted wholly within the housing. A suitable locking mechanism can be provided to close the end of the housing and hold the platform support within the housing thus fully enclosing the platform, platform support within the ~~housing~~ housing 10 so that it is kept protected from contamination by dirt and other materials from the road and protected from damage.